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SUBJECT: PROJECT HOPE AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT

REF: STATE 35790

- 1. DR. WILLIAM WALSH, DIRECTOR PROJECT HOPE, HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT HE SIGNED PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MHE) FEB 20. AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR PROJECT HOPE TO COME TO EGYPT TO TRAIN EGYPTIAN MEDICAL PERSONNEL OVER PERIOD OF NEXT FIVE YEARS. AGREEMENT RENEWABLE AFTER FIVE YEARS. TRAINING PRIORITIES WILL BE SET BY MHE. WALSH TOLD US THAT HE EXPECTS TO HAVE ABOUT THIRTY-FIVE PERSONS IN EGYPT BEFORE THE END OF 1975. PERSONNEL WILL BE STATIONED AT CAIRO UNIVERISTY, AIN SHAMS UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF ALEXANDRIA. PROJECT HOPE IS PREPARED TO GO INTO OTHER INSITUTIONS AS MHE REQUESTS. HOPE WILL SPEND ABOUT ONE MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR IN EGYPT AT HEIGHT OF PROGRAM. FOR ITS PART GOE HAS AGREED TO PAY EACH OF THE TEACHERS 175 EGYPTIAN POUNDS PER MONTH AND WILL FACILITATE OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.
- 2. REGARDING COORDINATION BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MOH), WALSH SAID HE FOUND RECOGNITION IN MHE AND MOH OF THIS PROBLEM AND FELT THAT NO ONE HAD PUT ANY OBSTACLES IN HIS WAY IN THIS REGARD.

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3. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION AT CONCLUSION OF

THE AGREEMENT AND OFFERED TO BE OF ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE. ALSO CAUTIONED WALSH ON ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY HOUSING. WALSH SAID THAT PROJECT HOPE WILL STATION EXPERIENCED PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR IN CAIRO TO HANDLE HOUSEKEEPING DETAILS.

- 4. WALSH INQUIRED ABOUT PROJECT HOPE PERSONNEL USING EMBASSY EXCHANGE FACILITIES TO CONVERT DOLLARS INTO EGYPTIAN POUNDS. HE WAS TOLD WE WOULD CHECK INTO IT.
- 5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE IF THERE IS ANY OBJECTION TO PROJECT HOPE USING EMBASSY EXCHANGE FOR SUCH DOLLAR CONVERSION INTO EGYPTIAN POUNDS. EILTS

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